

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 457 - HB 582

March 10, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes an order to be issued requiring an adult be examined by a physician, psychologist consulting with a physician, or psychiatrist, if in the course of an elder abuse investigation a local law enforcement agency is unable to determine to its satisfaction that sufficient information is available to determine whether an adult is in imminent danger or lacks the capacity to consent to protective services.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Under current law, an order may be issued requiring an adult to be examined if the Department of Human Services (DHS) cannot determine whether an adult is in imminent danger or lacks capacity to consent to protective services.
- Expanding authorization to petition the court in these instances to local law enforcement agencies could result in a decrease in the number of DHS initiated petitions, but will not reduce the number of cases in which DHS has to be involved.
- The provisions of the bill will not result in a significant increase in the number of elder abuse investigations or the number of petitions before the court; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant to state and local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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